GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:601
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2005
TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL OF PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to provide training and research facilities for strengthening and upgrading the skills of personnel engaged in the implementation of Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government provides any assistance to the States under the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details of the assistance provided to various States during each of the last three years; and

(e) the number of persons benefited therefrom during the said period ?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d), & (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.601 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.05.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments under the Central Plan Scheme for `Training Research and Monitoring` as under:

(i) not more than Rs. 50,000/- for conducting each training programme consisting of not less than 20 participants for 5 days duration,

(ii) for conducting seminars, workshops and national level lectures etc; and

(iii) one time assistance of not more than Rs. 1.5 lakh to all the States for purchase of a Computer with accessories to establish an effective link between the District Food and Civil Supply Office and the Directorate of Civil Supplies of States with the NIC network.

The training is imparted to the functionaries of various levels in the State Food and Civil Supplies Departments and State Agencies like State Civil Supplies Corporation, Consumer Cooperatives etc. to improve the management of supplies of essential commodities under the Public Distribution System.

(d) & (e) : The details of assistance provided to various States during the last three years and the number of persons benefited there from are given below:-

Year Name of the State/UT Amount Purpose No. of persons released benefited

2002-03	Rajasthan	Rs. 45,000/- For conducting one training course.	20
	Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 1.80 lakh For conducting four training courses.	140
	Bihar	Rs. 1.30 lakh For purchase of one Computer and accessory.	
	Pondicherry	Rs. 3,000/- Balance payment towards one training programme Conducted in January, 2003	
	Mizoram	Rs. 10,000/- Balance payment towards two training courses conducted in Feb. 2003. Rs. 7,335/- Balance towards one Computer sanctioned in March, 2003.	
2003-04	Mizoram	Rs. 90,000/- For conducting two training programmes	55
	West Bengal	Rs. 45,000/- For conducting one training programme.	23
	West Bengal	Rs. 67,000/- For conducting a Seminar on PDS	67
	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Rs. 82,800/- For purchase of a Computer with accessories.	
	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 7,500/- Towards balance payment for three training programmes conducted in May, 2003	
	Rajasthan	Rs. 5,718/- Towards balance payment for purchase of one Computer.	
	Lakshadweep	Rs. 1,01,982/- For purchase of one computer with accessories	
2004-05	Bihar	Rs. 4,50,000/- For conducting ten training programmes.	200
	Gujarat	Rs. 45,000/- For conducting one training course.	20
	West Bengal	Rs. 45,000/- For conducting one training course.	60

West Bengal Rs. 5,000/- Balance payment towards one training programme conducted in 2003-04.

Rs. 5,849/- Balance payment for the Seminar conducted in 2003-04.

Mizoram Rs. 10,000/- Balance payment towards two training programmes conducted in 2003-04